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From an ambrotype in the possession of the family

The badge of the Thalian Society may be
seen on the left lapel of his coat.

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*To my husband, Dr. Jasper Luther Beeson, who as President of
the Georgia State College for Women, built the beautiful
fire-proof Ina Dillard Russell Library which will
house the historical document upon which
this book is based,*

and

*to the thousands of Georgia girls who have entered the doors of
this College, next-door neighbor to that Oglethorpe Uni-
versity of old, where to Thalian Hall, which still
stands, their willing feet have made a beaten
path to the room which was enriched
for all time by the presence in
it of Sidney Lanier, Geor-
gia's poet supreme.*

FOREWORD

This book represents an attempt to make use of recently discovered historical material, by portraying a small segment of the life of Sidney Lanier and his brother Clifford; the one Georgia's most gifted poet, musician, literary critic, soldier, statesman; the other, his noble and beloved younger brother.

This new material is found in an old ledger eight and a quarter by twelve and a quarter inches, of three hundred and eighteen pages, and entitled, "The Minutes of the Thalian Society of Oglethorpe University." Its discovery and possession, make a happy adventure in Georgia history.

At a meeting of the Thalian Society on June 11, 1859, "Mr. Wiley made a motion that the Treasurer be ordered to get a new book for the Recording Secretary, which was carried." This new book, into which were copied the minutes of June 4, 1859, is the foundation upon which this book is based.

The author, having the honor to serve as State Historian, Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution, for two terms of two years each, 1930-1932, 1934-1936, planned, at first to offer portions of this manuscript under the D. A. R. insignia, as historical material for research assistance. The plan is now changed, and these episodes in the social, intellectual, and historical life of Sidney Lanier at the University which produced him, are published privately.

Part I, consists of glimpses of Sidney Lanier through the years 1859-1860-1861, and of Clifford Lanier through the years of 1860-1861.

In addition to information about the Laniers, the author, from the source material of the Minutes, will show that for the first time in our history, we can know about: first, the building of Thalian Hall; second, the broad interests of the Thalian Society in literary affairs, in foreign affairs and in the burning

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issues of the day, as is demonstrated in the debates; third, the continual addition of books to the library; fourth, the names of the regular members; fifth, the names of the honorary members of the Thalian Society.

Part II, is concerned with the Oglethorpe Marker erected by the State Historian D. A. R. on the site of the old University, with the Oglethorpe garden and pool made in honor of it, and other pertinent matters.

The author's interest in Lanier has been almost life long. She was a member of The Lanier Circle at Shorter College, as far back as 1892.

As a college girl, she often heard the Reverend Dr. J. M. Goetchius tell of his experiences at Oglethorpe University, and of his friendship for Lanier.

She has had the pleasure of knowing Captain T. F. Newell, a one-time roommate of Sidney Lanier, and also Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Robson, daughter of Professor R. W. Smith, of Oglethorpe University. Mrs. Robson, as "one of the young set," had often listened to the serenades when Sidney Lanier played his magic flute, and she herself, was honored by some of them.

In 1930, the author had an interview with the Reverend Dr. George L. Petrie, who at that time was the oldest living alumnus of Oglethorpe University. He was a first honor graduate, and as a friend of Sidney Lanier, had the liveliest recollections of him and the old University.

Later, as President of a County Federation of Clubs, the author, for five years, sent Sidney Lanier Programs of song and story and verse, into every rural school in her county, and in one year, could and did make the proud boast, that every school child in Baldwin County knew by heart *The Song of the Chattahoochee*.

The Minutes present a small, but true mirror of the social, political, cultural, and religious life wherein Georgia can look at her past.

There are fleeting glimpses of many that one would like to know, and of one who, as William T. Ellis said of the Hebrew poet David, lived a greater epic than any poem he ever wrote.

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of one who "ate bitterness," and was not embittered, of one who learned in suffering what he taught in song; also, of one whose

*"song was only living aloud,
His work a singing with his hand."*

For the illustrations in this book, the author is indebted to the Nancy Hart Chapter, D. A. R., for the picture of Oglethorpe University, to Mrs. H. D. Allen, Sr., author of *Our Children's Ancestry*, for the pictures of Thalian Hall, Sidney Lanier's room in Thalian Hall, the Oglethorpe rock garden and pool, and of the manuscript map. She is indebted to Miss Winifred G. Crowell, of The Georgia State College for Women, for reviewing and criticising the manuscript, and to Miss Elizabeth Carter, of the same College for typing it.

LEOLA SELMAN BEESON.

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INTRODUCTION

"In this year, 1935, when a sister organization is offering in nomination the name of Sidney Lanier, Georgia's poet, for a place in the Hall of Fame in New York University, the State Historian of the Georgia Society, D. A. R., Mrs. J. L. Beeson, announces the discovery and ownership of "The Minutes of the Thalian Society of Oglethorpe University" (which was a secret literary society), from the year 1859 through 1863.

"Sidney Lanier was for a time president of this Society. He was often a declaimer and often a debater. Always the subjects were announced, and always the results, whether victory or defeat attended the efforts.

"Old books are extant today, with "Presented by Thalia," on the fly leaf. We know now, the names of the young men who were "Thalia." We know also, how the books of the Library were obtained, and it is a pleasure to read that thanks for one were returned to Professor James Woodrow who was the chief joy and inspiration of Sidney Lanier.

"Many distinguished southern men were honorary members, but in this report appear only the names of the actual members during the four years. So far as is known, it is the only record that exists of one hundred and six members". Quoted from the report of Mrs. John W. Daniel, State Regent of Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution, made in Washington, D. C., at the D. A. R. Congress, April, 1935.

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CHAPTER I

Minutes of the Thalian Society of Oglethorpe University
from
June 4, 1859 through June 11, 1863

The minutes of a Literary Society which conformed strictly to its Rules of Order, except on very special occasions, make infrequent disclosures of many things one would like to know; but in the light of after-events, one can dramatize many episodes which punctuated the regular routine of business.

The social, historical, and religious background, as revealed in the minutes, add a lustre to the old-time Liberal Arts College or University; and the marvel is not at the littleness of the accomplishment, but at the greatness of it.

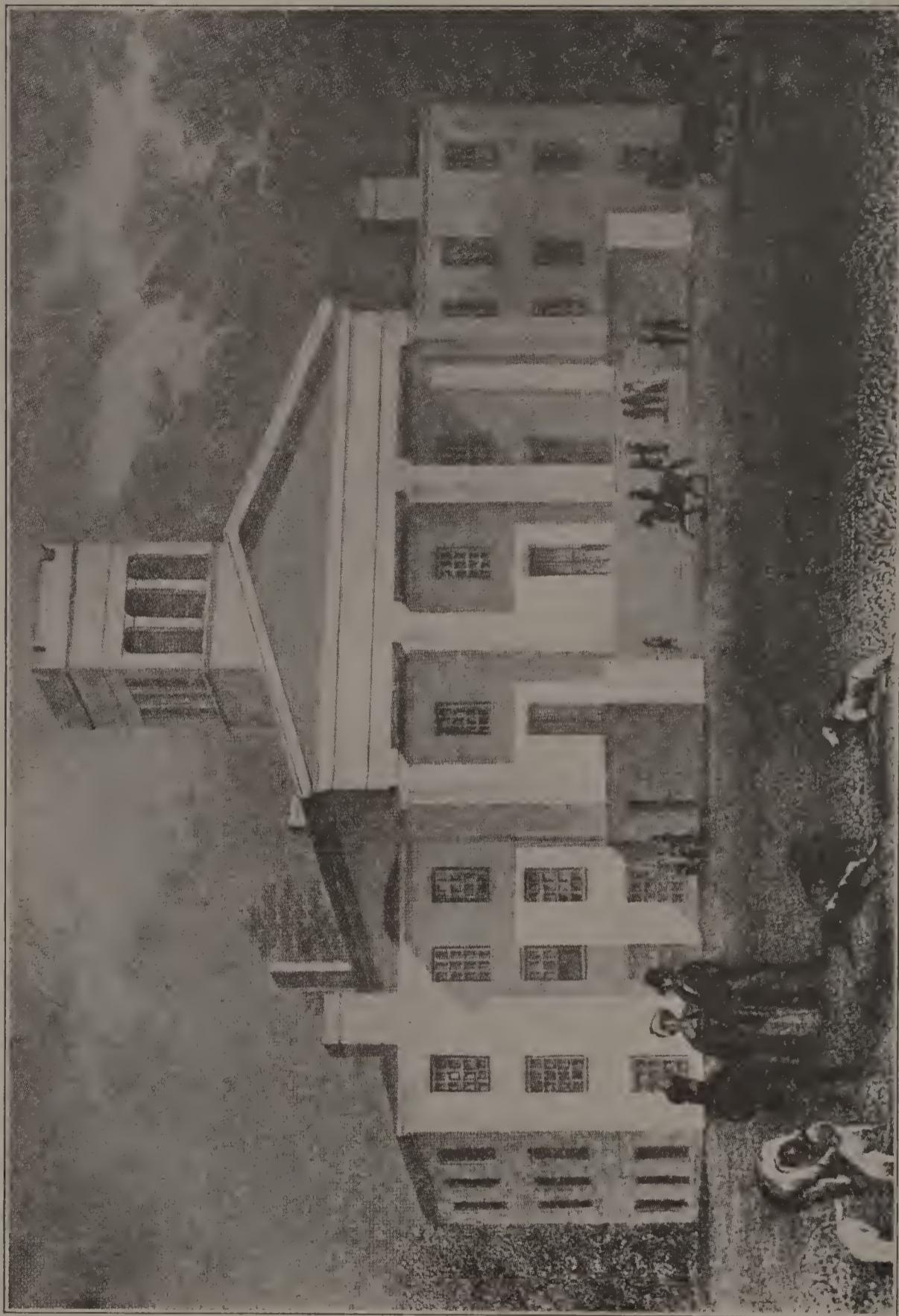
A reading-through of the old Minutes becomes more fascinating than any adventure of Alice in Wonderland!

If they are read in conjunction with the Reverend Doctor James Stacy's Chapter on Oglethorpe University, in his *History of the Presbyterian Church in Georgia*, the interest is still further increased, for this is a later-day record of some of the students.

Dr. Edwin Mimms in his *Sidney Lanier*, tells the story that after Lanier joined this secret Literary Society, he wrote to his father, "I have derived more benefit from that, than any one of my Collegiate studies. We meet together in a nice room, read compositions, declaim and debate upon interesting subjects."

When the author of this book told Dr. Mimms of the discovery of the Minutes, his first question was "Do they tell how the books of the Society were procured? I have often wondered how Lanier managed to obtain books and to read so broadly."

Aubrey Harrison Starke, also, in his *Sidney Lanier*, says, "no



The Main Building of Oglethorpe University designed by McCluskey, completed by 1840, at a cost of \$38,800.00.

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adequate study of Lanier's early reading and of the influence of his reading on his thought has yet been made."

The Minutes deal with everything that pertained to the Society, from the smallest to the greatest: from the brooms and dusters and the wood, and hiring old Charley to cut it, on up to purchasing books and maps and catalogues and diplomas and especially building and furnishing the new Thalian Hall.

The Society met every Saturday morning, unless something was happening in Milledgeville, the Capital of the State, which was considered of more importance. Even then, there was always a called meeting, when it was formally decided that the regular meeting on that day would be dispensed with.

The other Literary Society at Oglethorpe University was the Phi Delta, and the greatest decorum was observed between the two. It is judged that their membership was about the same, and that their officers were of the same name and number, and that their accomplishments were about the same. It was a friendly rivalry only, that made the Annual Debate of the greatest importance, and also the selection of Anniversary and Commencement Orators and Commencement Essayists.

The first minutes in the book, are those of June 4, 1859. "A motion was made and carried that we elect and alternate to Colonel Hook. The Society then proceeded to ballot for an Alternate which resulted in the election of Honorable A. Stevens."

"Mr. Bradwell read a letter from Narine and Company, in reference to the diplomas."

At a called meeting on June 7, 1869, it was moved "that Mr. Flournoy be allowed to take from the library one of Judge Warner's addresses, and that a committee be appointed to have it published in the papers and that Mr. Hook of Sandersville, Georgia, is to be our Commencement Orator."

At a meeting of the Thalian Society June 25, 1859, "Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Corresponding Secretary be ordered to write to Honorable A. H. Stevens and ask him to act as our Chairman, if he attends Commencement here, which was carried." "Mr. Ladson made a motion which was carried



The only remaining one of the original twelve two-room dormitories. Formerly there was no door in the center. Each room measured eighteen by eighteen feet. There were six of these dormitories in a row on either side of the campus in front of the main building.

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that a committee of three be appointed to request Colonel Hook to let us have a copy of his speech for publication, and that our chairman be one of the three."

On July 9, 1859, "Mr. Ladson made a motion which was carried, that we elect a committee to keep order in our procession and among the little boys and Negroes."

Later at the meeting, "Mr. Ladson made a motion that the same committee appointed to confer with a committee from the Phi Delta Society in relation to keeping order, be authorized to inform the Phi Deltas that they mistook the spirit of our letter and that we never intended to keep the Phi Deltas and ladies in order, which was carried."

The two Societies joined also, in the preparations for the great twenty-second of February and Fourth of July anniversaries. To the latter, they invited The Baldwin Blues of Milledgeville, and on one occasion, "The Baldwin Blues and all the other military societies of Milledgeville," to join them, and candles and candlesticks were ordered to be bought to illuminate the chapel. Each Society always had a special orator, chosen from their membership, to make an address, at these patriotic celebrations.

The Order of Business was as follows: first roll-call, reading of the minutes, election of honorary members, election of regular members (whose names were presented by the chaperon, balloted for, and duly initiated when elected), report of committees on questions, arrangements, special business, declaimers, discussion of question of last debate, announcement of the decision, promiscuous business, session of the court and last roll-call.

At the Session of the Court, fines were imposed for minor and for great offences, the former being often repealed at the next meeting.

One member was expelled from the Society. It was voted to erase his name from the list of members, and from the catalogues, and a committee was named to inform him of his expulsion.

At almost every meeting, the Debate was entered into in a

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serious manner. It is no marvel, after reading the subjects of the debates, and the frequency of them, and the preparations for them, that many of the seventy-two ministers, among three hundred and seventeen graduates, and many among the undergraduates also, from sheer love of skillful argument, became adepts in the use of the felicitous phrase and the rounded period.

The officers of the Society were: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, Assistant Librarian, Chaperon, Treasurer, Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, First Judge and Second Judge.

From the first meeting until the last, the Order of Business was the same, until in those heart-breaking days of the War Between the States, it is recorded at the meeting of February 14, 1862, "At a meeting of the Society, James G. Lane and Charles Coleman, being the only members present, the Society was organized by them, Lane acting as President and Coleman as Secretary. The following gentlemen presented themselves for initiation: Messrs. Banks, Bothwell, J. Whitaker and T. Whitaker. These gentlemen being duly initiated, the Society proceeded to its regular business.

"In view of the anomalous circumstances with which we are surrounded, it was thought best to omit the regular entrance and term fees until such times as the Society shall be thoroughly organized, at which time, the aforesaid gentlemen will pay into the hands of the Treasurer the initiation fee prescribed by the Constitution".

"There being an unusual scarcity of members and too many duties would devolve upon the members present, it was deemed unnecessary to fill offices omitted for the present."

In the back of the ledger with 1862, at the head of the column, is *Roll of the Thalian Society* as follows: Banks, Bothwell, Coleman, Lane, Myrick, J. Whitaker, T. Whitaker, Bivins, Bradford, Hunter, and Colclough. These are the names of the boys who were too young to join the army.

Reverend James Stacy says, "The war coming on amid the general excitement of the country and the tread of contending

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armies, the exercises of the College were necessarily interfered with. Those exercises were regularly carried on until 1862, when the last class graduated, the young men being all called away by the "Conscription Act," but receiving their diplomas by consent of the Board, as they were so near through their studies." One reads in the Minutes of May 5, 1862, "On motion Messrs. Lane and Coleman who were on the eve of departure addressed the Thalian Society." The names Charles Coleman and James G. Lane are two of the four, who were given their diplomas that year.

The last Minutes of the year were recorded June 11, 1863. "Mr. Whitaker moved the members pay their initiation fee to the treasurer, and that we pay the debts the Society owe, which was carried.

"Mr. Colquitt moved that all the members use their utmost endeavor to gather in the books which were out of the library. The Court met and transacted business after which the members were called on for a farewell address and Mr. Bothwell gave us a strong speech.

"It was moved and carried that these Minutes be approved and entered on the book, as it was the last meeting of the term. The last roll was called and the Society adjourned until next term.

S. W. BOTHWELL, President
J. D. STETSON, Recording Secretary"

Never again were the students to assemble at the old University at Midway.

It was as President Thornwell Jacobs, of Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia, said in a Chautauque address, "Oglethorpe bled to death on the fields Vicksburg and Appomattox."

CHAPTER II

SIDNEY LANIER

When one reads in the Minutes the name Mr. Sidney Lanier, or S. C. Lanier, or Sid C. Lanier, or Sid Lanier, and in one instance Sid S. Lanier, there immediately comes a mystic call to some far-off fairy land, and happy is one when that land is found to lie at one's very door! It is the search for "The Windows of Gold," in the old story, repeated. Instead of gazing upon them in Macon, or in Montgomery, Alabama, or in Montvale, Tennessee, familiar haunts of Sidney Lanier, one looks back, and sees their golden gleam at home, at old Midway, two miles from Milledgeville, the old Capital of the State.

Before the Minutes begin, June 4, 1859, Sidney Lanier had attended Oglethorpe University for a year, and then had been absent a year. In the fall of 1859, he returned, and at the very first meeting of the Thalian Society, was named on a committee.

At the second meeting, a week later, he was a speaker on the negative side of the debate, the subject of which was, "*Do Savage Nations Possess a Full Right to the Soil?*"

At the third meeting, October 22, 1859, he was a debatant on the affirmative side of the question, which read: *Was the Execution of Louis XVI Justifiable?*

At a called meeting of the Society, on November 8, 1859, the committee on the publication of six hundred copies of Colonel Hook's address, made their report, and "a motion was made that a committee be appointed to present 200 copies to the Phi Delta, ten copies to Professor Woodrow, five to each of the other Professors, except Mr. Knox who has ten, to reserve twenty-five copies for Library and then distribute the remainder among regular members of the society. On this committee were appointed Messrs. Kendrick, Lanier and Goetchius."

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At the meeting on November 12, 1859, it is recorded: "Mr. Johnson, the president elect for the next year, having left college, it becomes necessary to fill the vacancy. The Society proceeded to the election and there being only one nomination before the house, the Constitution was suspended and Mr. S. C. Lanier elected "viva voce." He began his term of office almost a month later. At this meeting, a motion was made and seconded, to lie on the table two weeks, that the appointed debatants have the privilege of the closing speech in the regular debates—Mr. S. C. Lanier, mover, J. M. Goetchius, second." After the two weeks had passed, the motion was considered and lost.

On November 26, 1859, Lanier was one of the debatants on the negative side of the question "*Does the Pulpit Afford a Better Field of Eloquence than the Bar?*" The decision was for the affirmative by thirteen majority.

Sidney Lanier became President of the Thalian Society on December 10, 1859. As was the custom, "the Ex-President conducted his successor to the chair who made an eloquent and interesting address. The new officers took their seats. Speeches were made by new officers in obedience to calls."

From December 10, 1859, to February 25, 1860, the name of Sidney Lanier as President of the Society, at regular meetings and called meetings, is signed twelve times by the Secretary, just above his own name. While E. P. Cater served as Secretary, the name is always S. C. Lanier, President. When J. W. Kendrick became secretary, he wrote above his own name, the President's name as Sid S. Lanier, and Sidney C. Lanier, and Sid Lanier, and one time Sid S. Lanier.

At this first meeting with Lanier as President, "In promiscuous business, a communication was received from the Phi Delta Society requesting us to appoint a committee to confer with their committee in relation to questions for debate in the Annual Contest.

"As preparatory to that, an election was entered into for debatant, resulting in election of E. P. Cater. The committee was then appointed, viz.: Messrs. Thomas, Cater, and W. Fulton.

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"Motion was made and carried to elect a Senior Essayist. Mr. S. C. Lanier was elected by suspension of the Constitution and "viva voce" vote. It was moved and carried that a committee of five be appointed to prepare catalogues. Committee consists of Messrs. Greer, Presly, Martin, Kendrick, and Varnadoe. Moved and carried that the Committee on Catalogues be ordered to insert in the catalogues the names of Messrs. G. F. Johnson and A. F. Little, and that different marks be attached to the names of those who are expelled and who resign."

On May 28, 1860, at a called meeting, the chairman of the catalogue committee "reported that they had come, and a great many mistakes were found in them. Mr. Cater made a motion that we send them back and make the printers pay the return express. Mr. S. Lanier offered a substitute which was that we send him a letter and inform him of the mistakes and ask him what arrangement could be made about this, which was carried."

On Oct. 6, 1860, "Mr. Dean read a letter respecting catalogues. Mr. Cater moved that we present to Mr. Samuel Whitaker 25 catalogues and return thanks to him for his kindness. Mr. Varnadoe moved to present 10 catalogues to James Whitaker, Gen. Myrick and Prof. Woodrow, which was carried." At a later meeting it was moved and carried that ten copies of our Society catalogues be sent to the Phi Kappa Society of Athens, Ga."

On January 4, 1860, "A letter was read from Professor Joseph LeConte, of Columbia, S. C., accepting honorary membership, but stating that he was an honorary member of the Phi Delta Society. During the discussion of a motion which was lost, it was moved and carried that Mr. S. Lanier be allowed a second speech."

At a later discussion of Professor LeConte's letter to the Society, the Corresponding Secretary was asked to write to the one elected as honorary member and say "if he is not already a member of the Phi Delta Society he is elected."

At the second meeting of Lanier as President, on January 7, 1860, "Two books were received from Mrs. S. Whitaker and

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thanks were returned." The following question was chosen for debate: *Does the Harper's Ferry Insurrection Justify the Secession of the South*, which was "discussed and decided in favor of the negative."

Mr. C. LaFlore of Carthage, Mississippi, was elected to honorary membership in the Thalian Society, and "The Chaperon proposed the names of the following gentlemen for regular membership in the Thalian Society, viz.: Messrs. C. A. Lanier, R. E. Quartermar, J. S. Spencer and B. L. Baker, and it was moved and carried that the Constitution be suspended and they all be elected at once. Those gentlemen were then duly initiated into the Thalian Society."

At this meeting, "it was moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a list of moral and metaphysical works, report the same to the Society and send for such books as the Society approves of. The Committee consists of Goetchius, Dunn and Slaughter."

At the next meeting, "A report was received from the Committee on Books, and the Committee ordered to purchase as many books as the state of the treasury would allow."

"The following question was chosen for the next debate, viz.: *Is Free Religious Toleration Dangerous to Republicanism?* A week later it was decided in the negative, by a majority of seventeen votes.

On January 14, 1860, "it was moved and carried that Mr. Knox's name be placed on the roll of the Society, and he be allowed to participate in the business of the Society with all the privileges of an honorary member. A book presented by J. M. Goetchius was received and thanks were returned to the gentleman. It was moved and carried that the book be only taken out of the library by the Committee on Question. A book was received from Mr. W. A. Way, and thanks were returned to the gentleman."

"It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to confer with the Phi Delta Society in regard to expunging the

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name of Dr. Howe from the list of honorary members of that Society who elected him last."

The subject of the debate for the next week was: *Should the United States Have Assisted in the Emancipation of the Greeks?* "During the debate, it was moved and carried that Mr. Knox be allowed to finish his speech."

At the meeting on January 28, 1860, "The new members of the Sophomore class in the Society, were then called upon according to a motion passed a few meetings previous, and most of them spoke, in order that we may choose from them our Sophomore Declaimer in the Annual Contest. The election was entered into by a motion and Mr. Coney was elected. It was moved and carried that we elect our fourth of July orator. Mr. J. C. Fulton was elected by a "viva voce" vote. It was moved that as it was the anniversary of our Society that we hear from our Orator, and Mr. Kendrick then gave us an eloquent address."

"A book was presented to the Society by Dr. James Woodrow, which was received and thanks returned to the gentleman."

"It was moved that Mr. J. E. Fulton be allowed to take out and keep as long as he wished, as many books from the Library. It was moved that the same courtesy usually extended to our debatant be extended to Mr. Cater. Mr. Varnadoe being our Twenty-second of February orator resigned his office and Mr. Prestly was elected to fill his place."

Thalian Hall,
February 3, 1860.

"At a called meeting moved and carried that we adjourn the Saturday following as it was the day preceding the communion in town.

S. C. LANIER, President
J. W. KENDRICK, Recording Secretary

Before this date, on Saturday, October 5, 1859, in W. R. M. Slaughter's Presidency, there was a "Motion to suspend the Constitution, in order to allow the members to attend communion in Milledgeville."

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On May 4, 1860, at a called meeting, with Mr. Cater, President, it was moved and carried "that we suspend the usual exercises of the day on the fifth in order to attend preaching in Milledgeville."

In November 1860, at a called meeting, Mr. J. Varnadoe moved "to suspend the regular meeting on Saturday, so that the members who desired might attend preaching in Milledgeville."

At a called meeting on February 9, 1860, "it was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to confer with a committee appointed by the Ph. D. Society, in reference to music the Twenty-second of February and at the contest." It was announced at a later meeting, that a band from Macon would furnish the music.

On February 22, 1860, "it was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to invite the military companies from Milledgeville to meet with us tonight."

"A catalogue of Books was then presented to the Society by Reverend C. W. Lane, through Mr. W. R. M. Slaughter."

"Moved and carried that the building committee be ordered to send the note now due in order that it may be settled." The question for debate was: *Ought an Infidel to be Allowed to Testify in a Court of Justice?*"

The subject of the last debate under Lanier's Presidency was: *Has More Good than Evil Resulted to the World from the Life and Religion of Mahomet?*

At Lanier's last meeting, a called one, on February 22, 1860, "thanks were returned to some members who had presented candlesticks for the night of the Twenty-second, they being the same gentlemen who presented the table."

At this meeting, a "motion was made to elect Senior Essayist. Mr. S. C. Lanier was elected by suspension of the Constitution, and "viva voce" vote." As the time drew near for writing the Essay, at the meeting on February 25, 1860, H. Millican, President, it was recorded, "On motion, Mr. S. Lanier was permitted to be absent from Society until April and during that time to have the use of what books he wishes from the library."

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On November 29, 1860, "at a call meeting, by motion of Mr. Quartermen, a previous motion that we march up in procession on the eve of the contest was reconsidered. By motion of Mr. S. Lanier it was resolved that we shall not march up in procession."

Sidney Lanier became tutor, in the fall of 1860, succeeding Mr. Knox, whose name has already appeared in the minutes. On November 10, 1860, one reads "At the request of Mr. Cater, Mr. Varnadoe moved first, that a committee of three be appointed to have a rostrum erected and library shelves and railing ordered for New Hall. Committee, J. Varnadoe, Lanier and Weems."

Varnadoe and Weems were members of the original building committee of Thalian Hall, after Thomas left the University, and Sidney Lanier was a member of the original committee of three, to consult with the Phi Delta Society as to the construction of the two halls.

The author leans to the belief that it is he who is named on this last committee, though others, with equal right, may think that it is Clifford, his brother.

As stated before, Clifford Lanier, during his brother's Presidency, was initiated into the membership on January 7, 1860. From that time, on to the close of school in 1861, his name appears twenty-five times in the Minutes.

At the very next meeting after he joined, he was a declaimer. He figures as a debatant on the affirmative side of the debate, in the last complete minutes of the year 1861, written on April 20. The subject was; *Ought Public Opinion Be Regarded as the Standard of Right?* His side won by a majority of one vote. On March 24, 1860, both brothers were among the declaimers.

Clifford, also, was elected to office in the Society, being elected Second Judge, Oct. 6, 1860.

If the Minutes may be described as "Eye-witnesses and Ministers of the Word", both brothers were actively concerned with anything and everything that pertained to the Thalian Society.

As to the time of their leaving the University, to enter the

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army, John S. Mayfield in his *Sidney Lanier in Texas*, says of Sidney Lanier, that he held a tutorship at Oglethorpe University, but that "he resigned that position to enlist in the Confederate army."

Aubrey Harrison Starke says, in his *Sidney Lanier*, that "in 1861, he volunteered after finishing his work at Oglethorpe University."

In one word, in the Secretary's Minutes, is surely revealed the time when the Secretary learned the date for closing. Even after seventy-five years, one feels the happy thrill which came to J. S. Stacy, on March 23, 1861. He dutifully recorded the Minutes, but underneath drew a short line and wrote in large letters, *Vacation!*

He was a perfect illustration of the words which Sidney Lanier wrote later: "I needs must hurry with the wind and trim me best for sailing."

It must be said that the Secretary remained long enough to copy into the Minute-book three weekly minutes, and the minutes of one called meeting. The minutes for April 27, 1861, are dated and two and a half lines were written—that is all. There is a blank leaf, and on February 14, 1862, almost nine months later, the secretary for the new year, began his story with the words, "Minutes of the last meeting were read and received with a few corrections."

Many had gone from the University, and one of whom it was said: "For all knowledge is food, as faith is wine, to a genius like Lanier."

CHAPTER III

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The Thalian Hall and Library first referred to in the Minutes, were in the main University building, as were the Phi Delta Hall and Library.

Motions were made and approved to take up the carpet, to replace the broken window panes, to buy baize window curtains, and to lend the Hall for the Senior Debates or for special Commencement occasions.

The names of the Building Committee for the New Hall and of one Chairman, especially, have been, through the years, laid away in the lavender of the old-time Minutes, and it is only now seventy-seven years later, that we are able to know and appreciate them.

At a meeting of the Society, on June 11, 1859, "Mr. Little moved that we suspend the Constitution, and ballot for a Building Committee, and Ditmars, Thomas and Weems, were chosen."

On October 8, 1859, Mr. Knox reported to the Society "that he had raised \$15.00 from honorary members, for the purpose of aiding in the building of the new hall."

On February 25, 1860, it is recorded, "On motion, Mr. Varnadoe was elected on the building committee in lieu of absence of Mr. Thomas."

On March 10, 1860, "On motion of Mr. Cater, a committee was appointed to consult with the Faculty about our New Hall made in a form suitable to the will of the Society, on condition that we pay the excess in expenditure."

From that day on, according to the record, the success of really accomplishing the building, is due to Mr. E. P. Cater. He becomes no mere Chairman, as named in the Minutes, but a charming and capable personality.

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If the Phi Delta Society could have had a chairman as able or as persistent, there would have been erected two large Society buildings on the University Campus, instead of the one, Thalian Hall.

The Thalian and Phi Delta Societies had obtained permission from the faculty, to erect separate and independent halls on the "Scholarship Plan," they arranging the labor of raising the money.

On March 28, 1860, at a called meeting of the Society, "Mr. Cater read letters from the building Committee, stating that our new Hall would be built according to our wishes, provided we pay the overplus aside from the \$1500.00, as already subscribed."

On Mr. Cater's motion, "it was resolved to ascertain through the building committee, what amount would be required, and if it exceed not \$300, that we have it done," which was carried. At a later meeting, it was decided "that we do not have the windows of our New Hall arched."

On June 26, 1860, Mr. Cater was appointed "to confer with the Phi Delta Society as to the construction of the New Hall," and he, and Ward, and Mr. S. Lanier were named as the Committee.

On April 21, 1860, "By motion of Mr. Quarterman it was agreed that we do not have our New Hall built as high as was first anticipated, by two feet." Mr. Cater moved "that we do not have a wall partition built between our Hall library." Mr. Flournoy moved "that we do not get Mr. J. Lane to arch our Hall, which was carried," and the committee was ordered to inform Mr. Lane of the Society's decision.

At a meeting on May 21, 1860, Mr. Cater stated "that Mr. Lane had agreed to arch our Hall for \$100.00," and made the motion "that the Society get him to arch it," which was carried.

On May 26, 1860, Mr. Cater reported "that Mr. J. Lane said he could not arch the Hall for less than \$125.00," and it was voted to limit him to that amount. Mr. Cater was named as one of a committee of three, "to inform the Building Committee



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that the Society will give them the money when they give us the Hall finished," which was carried.

A committee with Mr. Cater, Chairman, was appointed "to consult with the Phi Deltas as to the proper time the Societies will pay the \$1500.00 pledged by them."

On June 30, 1860, Mr. Cater read to the Society a joint report from The Phi Delta and Thalian Committees, which was as follows: "Believing that the contract with the Faculty concerning the New Halls, was to the effect that for the sum of \$1500.00 each, they the Faculty, were to deliver into our hands the Halls in a finished condition, Therefore we, the Phi Delta and Thalian Societies mutually pledge each other that we will not receive the halls when offered us, unless they are in a finished condition.

"But should the Faculty offer them to us in a finished state, we will each come up to our part of the contract, by paying the specified sum, upon receiving from the Faculty, along with the Halls, a written contract that the Halls are to be our own exclusive property. We only pledge ourselves that they shall never be used for purposes inconsistent with the objects and aims of the Societies to which they shall belong."

At a meeting on July 14, 1860, Mr. Cater stated "that Mr. Smith told him that unless our Society paid the Building Committee the sum of \$1500.00, they (the Committee) would offer our Hall to the Phi Delta Society, and if they did not take it, it would be made into dormitories."

Mr. Knox moved "that the same Committee inform the Phi Delta Society that we will stand up to the agreement."

On October 6, 1860, Mr. Cater moved "to appoint a committee to plaster the New Hall," and he was one of the committee named.

On October 23, 1860, at a called meeting, the Treasurer was requested "to pay Mr. Lane for arching the New Hall and repairing the old Hall."

On November 10, 1860, "Mr. Varnadoe moved, at the request of Mr. Cater, first, that a committee of three be appointed to

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have a rostum erected and library shelves and railing ordered for the New Hall. Committee: J. Varnadoe, Lanier and Weems. Second, a committee of three to have the hall painted, to write on to Macon or elsewhere to contract for curtains and carpet. Committee: James Lane, Dean and C. Varnadoe. Third, Committee of three to write on to Hall Black and Company to contract for two chandeliers and that these committees be subordinate to the building committee. Committee: Mr. Goetchius, Fulton, and Gresham."

At meetings this year, the names were called of two citizens to whom the Society had loaned money, and the loans were called in. In both instances, the Building Committee was named to collect the notes, one a \$1500.00 note and the other amount not named. One supposes these loans were called in to pay for the expenses incident to building and furnishing the new Hall.

The new Hall could have been completed in December 1860, but the Minutes of December 15, declared that the "Society met at the usual time and place."

On January 12, 1861, the Minutes begin, "Society assembled at the ringing of the bell," which is the first of three meetings so designated. It may be that on this date, the Society met for the first time in the new Hall.

This is the story of Thalian Hall, as revealed in the Minutes, and the Hall stands today. We see the arched roof, and the unarched windows, and now we can know exactly how it all came about. So quiet was the transition from the old Hall to the new, that it received no special mention in the Minutes.

THE AFTERMATH OF THE NEW HALL

On January 5, 1861, it was moved and carried, "that the Building Committee be instructed to negotiate a loan for \$1500.00 immediately, if possible"—signed E. P. Cater, President, J. A. Gresham, Recording Secretary, *pro tem*.

On February 16, 1861, "A motion was made that the members be not allowed to smoke in the Hall on Saturday morning,"

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also, "A motion prevailed that the Committee of Arrangements be instructed to procure twenty spittoons for the Society."

On March 23, 1861, "Mr. Cater made a motion in form of a resolution that every member resolve to get as much money as possible during vacation for our Hall."

On Monday, May 26, 1862, at a called meeting, "It was voted that the Committee of Arrangements be authorized to lock the lower door when all the members are present, and to lock the upper one always." On October 31, 1862, it was "Moved and carried that if any member be found at any time soiling the floor, he be fined the sum of twenty-five cents."

On March 20, 1863, "It was resolved that a special Committee see Mr. Hunter about carrying off the keys to our Hall," and also, "to see Messrs. Colquitt and Bradford about breaking open the door of the Hall."

On April 18, 1861, at a "called meeting, Mr. Cater made a motion that if the members failed to pay, (those who are in debt to the Society), before twelve o'clock, that the members be assessed one dollar for the purpose of clearing the required amount," also, "Mr. Cater made a motion in form of a resolution to raise the term fee to five dollars (having been laid upon the table two weeks according to the Constitution), was brought up and passed. Mr. Cater made a motion in form of a resolution that the members pay their term fee immediately." It is supposed that these funds were to pay, in part, for the new Hall.

As late as March 23, 1861, "Mr. Cater made a motion in form of a resolution, that every member resolve to try to get as much money as possible, during vacation, for our Hall."

On May 29, 1863, it was proposed and carried, "that any member taking the cushions out of the chairs and laying them on the floor, be fined twenty-five cents." Also, on that date, Mr. T. Whitaker moved "that we do not burn tallow candles in the chandeliers."

CHAPTER IV

Names of Honorary Members of the Thalian Society of Oglethorpe University 1859 - 1863

Governor M. A. Perry, Tallahassee, Florida
Honorable A. E. Maxwell, Pensacola, Florida
Mr. E. Anderson, Pensacola, Florida
E. S. Languerade, Sandersville, Georgia
A. A. Cullens, M. D., Sandersville, Georgia
Colonel Owen, Talbotton, Georgia
Professor W. F. Slaton, Auburn, Alabama
R. D. Spratt, Livingston, Alabama
Honorable E. L. McIntyre
and others (leaf torn)
Mr. E. W. Goetchius
John W. McNealy, Auburn, Alabama
Mr. John Stubbs, Macon, Georgia
E. C. Bulloch, Eufala, Alabama
Mr. J. Clemens, Cumming, Georgia
Mr. S. D. McConnell, Ocala, Florida
Colonel J. C. Lewis, Columbus, Georgia
Mr. Lane
Professor J. LeConte, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
J. J. Gartrell, Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. Joseph LeConte, Columbia, South Carolina
C. LaFlore, Carthage, Mississippi
Mr. Knox
Mr. John B. Gallic, Savannah, Georgia
Honorable W. P. Chilton, Montgomery, Alabama
Mr. T. Yancey
Colonel Henry Jones

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Mr. Meek, Montgomery, Alabama
Honorable Tom Judge, Montgomery, Alabama
James P. McCan, Greensboro, Georgia
Dr. Mann
Mr. L. B. Smith, of Talbert
Henry R. Jackson, Savannah, Georgia
Mr. Moses
Mr. A. W. Cumming
Honorable O. Sosk
Honorable A. F. Owen
Mr. McFeeson (McPherson)
Mr. Hugh R. Banks
Mr. J. W. Castens, Columbus, Georgia
Dr. D. J. Bothwell
Mr. Armstrong, Macon, Georgia
Mr. Stephen F. Miller

CHAPTER V

Names of Regular Members of The Thalian Society of Oglethorpe University 1859 through 1863

Sidney C. Lanier	J. E. Fulton	Stewart
S. D. Bradwell	J. L. Patterson	E. A. Pressley
J. A. Weems	A. L. Peden	J. Redd
H. C. Wiley	J. B. Martin	W. Redd
J. B. L. Baker	J. H. Martin	Fleming
Bayne	Moore	H. M. Bryan
Cassells	H. Millican	N. Quarterman
E. P. Cater	Greer	J. Quarterman
A. J. Coney	Hardeman	R. Quarterman
P. P. Pelham	Iverson	S. Quarterman
W. Pelham	J. W. Kendrick	C. A. Lanier
Ladson	C. A. King	J. Q. Spencer
J. V. H. Ditmars	J. King	J. M. Goetchius
A. F. Little	Norman	E. Goetchius
S. Little	T. S. Stacy	Dunn
G. E. Thomas	T. J. Parsons	W. R. M. Slaughter
Cunningham	Long	Britton
Samuel Knox	Bayne	T. J. Parsons
Hall	J. E. O. Varnadoe	T. A. Parsons
H. Johnson	C. C. Varnadoe	H. M. Bryan
G. F. S. Johnson	J. S. Lewis	C. A. King
Law	A. R. Miller	J. H. King
W. A. Way	W. E. Yancey	Kottman
Samuel T. Dean	W. Pelham	Charles Coleman
C. Dunn	J. H. Martin	Bacon
R. W. Flournoy	J. B. Martin	Joseph Lane
W. F. Fulton	W. Martin	James G. Lane

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John Lane	H. Whitaker
Gresham	H. Bradford
J. L. Nickinson	H. Castens
James D. Myrick	Robert Hunter
J. S. McDowell	A. G. Napier
W. M. McDowell	Charles Henry Banks
J. L. McKinnon	T. Banks
Moses McKinnon	C. E. Cook
G. C. Bivins	M. W. Colquit
S. Bivins	W. G. Armstrong
Walker	J. D. Stetson
S. W. Bothwell	J. H. Grieve
James M. Whitaker	H. H. Colclough
Thomas Howell Whitaker	Moore

CHAPTER VI

PRESIDENTS OF THE THALIAN SOCIETY 1853 - 1864

R. W. Flournoy
W. R. M. Slaughter
S. C. Lanier
H. Millican
T. Hardeman
J. V. H. Ditmars
E. P. Cater
J. Samuel McDowell
J. G. Lane
Charles H. Banks
S. W. Bothwell
T. H. Whitaker

CHAPTER VII

THE LIBRARY OF THE THALIAN SOCIETY

At the opening of Oglethorpe University, January 1838, with three classes, Dr. James Stacy says there were three hundred volumes in the library.

In addition to the University library, both the Thalian and Phi Delta Societies had libraries. According to the Minutes of the Thalian Society, the upbuilding of the library and the use of it, were great and constant objects.

The Honorary Members presented books, friends of the Society presented books, and the regular members were continually presenting books to the Society. Mr. Pelham gave the complete works of Hume's History of England, and Gibbons' History of Rome, naming twelve students as the donors.

In the Minutes of October 6, 1860, "Mr. Cater, Iverson, J. H. Martin, Coleman and Dean presented some books to Thalia which were received and thanks returned to the gentlemen." One of these books exists today and has been placed in the Sidney Lanier Room of Thalian Hall.

On October 13, 1860, "A valuable Atlas was presented to the Society and received, and thanks were returned to the gentlemen. The names of the gentlemen are the following: Coleman, Fulton, Lanier, Dean, Kottman, Iverson, Way, Goetchius, Baker, Pelham, Patterson, Stacy, Bacon, Bryan."

The Treasurer was often ordered to pay money for books and once "to buy as many books as the state of the treasury will allow."

As late as March 6, 1863, a committee was ordered to go to Macon and buy books for the library.

Gifts of books to the library, and purchases of books by the Society, are mentioned in the Minutes twenty-three times.

CHAPTER VIII

SUBJECTS OF DEBATES IN THE THALIAN SOCIETY

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Not all the subjects of debate will be enumerated, but enough to show that the mental activities of the members of the Society were vigorously manifest at all times.

Oglethorpe University was only two miles distant from Milledgeville, the Capital of the State, the center of both intellectual and political activities.

The press of Milledgeville was the ablest in the State, and to this day, the files of the old *Southern Recorder* and *The Federal Union* and *The Journal* are constantly consulted and quoted, when the history of the past is concerned.

Never in the history of the State, had the Legislature of Georgia been more actively concerned with the State's welfare, than during these four years, when statesmen like Alexander H. Stephens and Benjamin Harvey Hill and Herschel V. Johnson and Robert Toombs and T. R. R. Cobb were invited to speak before it.

All Georgia that was not listening, was eagerly awaiting the echoes of these speeches.

Milledgeville of those days, is described by some as a sleepy little Southern town. Its external appearance will not here be viewed through partial eyes, but through the eyes of an enemy officer, only a year and a half after Oglethorpe University, having given her all for the Confederacy, had closed her doors at Midway, forever.

The letter of Maj. James A. Conally, as published by *The Illinois Historical Society for the Year 1928*, says: on Nov. 23, 1864, "Here I am finally at Milledgeville. My boyish dream is

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gratified and I find that my boyish fancy in regard to the appearance of the city was quite correct. The dwellings are scattered and surrounded by large and tastefully decorated grounds. As one rides along its sandy streets, even this time of the year, the faint perfume from every variety of tree and shrub, bud, blossom and flower fills the air with delicious fragrance. The exterior of the residences bespeaks refinement within and everything in the city seems to impress one with the idea that he is in an old aristocratic city where the worth of a man is computed in dollars and cents. The streets are regularly laid out and the capitol stands on a slight elevation rather east of the center of the city overlooking the Oconee river."

Some of the most dramatic events in the history of the State were occurring during these four years, and Oglethorpe students were in the swift current, as is evident by the topics chosen for debate.

Oglethorpe University itself, was thoroughly abreast of the times, with a leader like Dr. S. K. Talmadge, and Professors like James Woodrow, and Charles W. Lane, and R. C. Smith, of the present, and Dr. Joseph LeConte and Professor J. W. Baker, of the immediate past.

In the Minutes, is this record: "Thalian Hall, January 19, 1861. At a call meeting the Society assembled and was called to order by the President. A motion was made and carried that we suspend the regular exercises, to attend the Convention in town. Nothing more being before the Society, it adjourned."

E. P. CATER, President

J. S. SPENCER, Recording Secretary.

That means that the Thalian Society Members were in Milledgeville at the Signing of the Ordinance of Secession, on that fateful day, when crowds had come to Milledgeville, awaiting the action of the Convention.

Some one has said of the Ordinance of Secession, "that it could not be stopped, that one could as well tie up the North Wind in the corner of a pocket handkerchief."

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These students witnessed the raising of the Colonial flag over the old State house. They heard the bells ring and the cannon roar and saw the preparations that were being made for the great torch-light procession that night, when Union men like Hershel V. Johnson and Judge Garnett Andrews darkened their rooms and paced the floor in anguish, while a daughter and two sons of the latter, made and raised a Colonial flag and quickly joined the merrymakers.

One wonders if the University boys and their tutor, could keep away from all the serenades and the speech-making and the brilliantly illuminated old Mansion and other homes, and the great torch-light procession, especially after the statement of Lincoln Lorenz, who, in *The Life of Sidney Lanier*, says, that Lanier and his friends "made such a favorable impression upon the president of the college, Dr. Samuel Talmadge that the serenaders received official warrant to practice their art among the towns' people."

In an old issue of *The Southern Recorder*, is a fascinating bit of gossip, recorded of those days when great statesmen were invited to speak before the Legislature. Alexander Stephens spoke on the evening of November 14, 1860, and Benjamin Harvey Hill followed on the evening of the fifteenth, and by the way, this masterful speech of Hill is the only one of his on Secession, that has been preserved in its entirety.

The boys from Oglethorpe, came into town to hear Benjamin H. Hill, with Dr. Samuel K. Talmadge, the President, and Professor Charles Lane. Both of them had cautioned the students against making any demonstration whatsoever. Dr. Talmadge had a way of rubbing his hands together, when he was specially pleased, and Professor Lane, in expressing his approbation, would nod his head. The boys declared that Dr. Talmadge rubbed the skin off his hands, and that Professor Lane had a stiff neck for two weeks afterwards.

No one who reads the Minutes, can say that the Oglethorpe students were unacquainted with the great problems of the day, nor, also, with the classical authors of the past, when they view

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a big, well-marked volume of Greek authors, which was a regular text book in the Freshman class. This volume has pasted on the top inside stiff cover, a picture of old Oglethorpe University, cut supposedly, from a letterhead, and on it, is the name of the student. Some Questions of Debate, have been given already. Others are now named, in order to show that social, philosophical, historical and literary questions were well considered; and especially subjects "due to the anomalous circumstances of the times," as the Secretary recorded. These are:

Have naturalized foreigners a right to claim protection from the United States when compelled to do military service in their own country?

Will the re-organization of Franklin College be beneficial to it?

Is a monarchy the strongest and most stable form of government?

Should foreign emigration be stopped?

Was Oliver Cromwell a true patriot?

Should our Legislature refuse a separate amount of public funds to the Catholics for educational purposes?

Ought the colonization of the African race to be encouraged?

Was the Mexican War justified?

Ought the press to be without legal restriction?

Has a State the right to secede from the Union?

Would the formation of a Southern Confederacy enhance the commercial prosperity of the South?

Should the South endorse the action of the seceders at Charleston?

Which has done the greater service to truth, philosophy or poetry?

Is the progress of the South in literature and fine arts impeded by her institutions of slavery?

Are mixed schools productive of more good than evil?

Ought the Bible to be adopted in the common schools as an ordinary reading book?

Was the banishment of Napoleon to St. Helena justifiable?

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Are early marriages conducive to the advancement of society?
Ought Mormonism to be abolished "vi et armis?"

Is our Government more indebted to her warriors than to her statesmen?

Did General William Walker deserve the fate he received from the *Hondurians*?

Do the signs of the times justify us in the belief that our Republic will meet with the same fate as Greece and Rome?

Have judicial oaths the sanction of the Bible?

Is the art of speech more profitable than writing?

Should Cuba be acquired "vi et armis?"

Would England be benefitted by making her government a strictly Republican one?

Does the existing state of affairs in this country prove that man is incapable of self government?

Is fanaticism a more prominent characteristic of Cromwell than enlightened piety?

Ought the protective policy or free trade principles prevail?

Has any government or Union of States the right of coercing a seceding member?

Has the advancement of the Southern States in power and wealth been retarded by the institution of slavery?

Ought representatives to be bound by the will of their constituents?

Was the course pursued by General Twiggs a proper one?

Is capital punishment justifiable?

Is there any greater prospect of peace than there was twelve months ago?

Are Southerners more justifiable for resistance than their forefathers?

Was Napoleon greater in the field or in the Cabinet?

Which is the greatest orator Demosthenes or Cicero?

Which is entitled to the most praise Washington or Lafayette?

Is Warren more to be admired than Moultrie?

Is Madison more deserving of our estimation than Hamilton?

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Was it justifiable for Governor Brown to call out the militia officers?

Has intemperance done more harm than war?

Were the Puritans justifiable in their treatment of the Indians?

Was the execution of Major Andre justifiable?

Was Brutus justifiable in taking part with the conspirators against Julius Caesar?

Were the Crusades beneficial?

Was the execution of Charles I justifiable?

Was Napoleon justifiable in divorcing Josephine?

Is the Government of the Confederate States likely to be perpetuated?

Was the death of General Jackson more lamented than that of Albert S. Johnson?

CHAPTER IX

SIX ELECT LADIES MENTIONED IN THE MINUTES

It is pleasing to know that the women of the State were interested in the University and its Societies.

Miss Laura Tucker presented to the Thalian Society, "the tooth of a sea reptile," and thanks were returned to her.

"Mrs. Sarah C. Crowell, through Mr. J. Goetchius, presented a shell to the Society, which was received and the thanks of the Society, were returned to the Lady."

Miss Dollie Whitaker presented a book to the Society, and received thanks from the recording secretary.

Mrs. S. Whitaker presented on January 7, 1860, two books to the Society, during Lanier's presidency.

"Some pictures were presented to the Society, by Mrs. B. A. Socoby, of Columbus, Georgia," and Messrs. King, Greer and Lanier were the committee named to have them framed.

"A picture was presented in the name of Mrs. Golden, which was received and thanks returned to the Lady."

CHAPTER X

TWO TUTORS AND TWO PROFESSORS

In the Minutes, is a thread of gold that binds two Tutors and two Professors to the Thalian Society.

The story of Sidney Lanier has been given. Mr. S. L. Knox who graduated with the Class of 1859, preceded Lanier as tutor at the University. Mr. Knox is first mentioned in the Minutes, when he reported that he had obtained during the summer vacation, from Honorary Members, fifteen dollars for the building fund of Thalian Hall. His name was mentioned when the Society was bestowing the six hundred copies of Colonel Hooks' address, which it had published. There were given, "two hundred copies to the Phi Delta, ten copies to Professor Woodrow, five to each of the other Professors, except Mr. Knox, who has ten."

On January 1, 1860, "During the debate, it was moved and carried that Mr. Knox be allowed to finish his speech."

On January 4, 1860, "It was moved that Mr. Knox's name be placed on the roll of the Society and that he be allowed to participate in the business of the Society with all the privileges of honorary members."

It was Mr. Knox who made the motion to inform the Phi Delta Society that the Thalian Society would stand up to its agreement about building the new Halls.

William Hayes Ward, in his Memorial, in the poems of *Sidney Lanier*, says, "During the last weeks of his life, Mr. Lanier stated that he owed to Professor Woodrow the strongest and most valuable stimulus of his youth."

When Lanier was President of the Thalian Society, "A book was presented to the Society by Dr. James Woodrow and thanks were returned to the Gentleman." His name is in the list of Professors who are to be given copies of Colonel Hooks' address.

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Two hundred copies were to be tendered to the Phi Delta Society and "ten copies to Professor Woodrow." Also, Professor Woodrow's name is in the list of those who were to have ten catalogues of the Society.

In the enumeration in the Minutes, Professor Lane was to have ten copies of Colonel Hooks' address.

On November 9, 1859, one reads, "After discussion, the Society tendered the floor to our honorary member, Mr. Lane, who made a few remarks complimentary to the Society."

When Sidney Lanier was President, "A Catalogue of Books was then presented to the Society by Reverend C. W. Lane, through Mr. W. R. M. Slaughter."

Dr. Edwin Mimms, in his *Sidney Lanier*, repeats a story about Dr. Charles W. Lane, Professor of Mathematics, at Oglethorpe University, saying, that he was "the sunniest, sweetest Calvinist that ever nestled close to the heart of Arminians and all else who loved the Master's image when they saw it. His cottage at Midway was a Bethel; it was God's house and heaven's gate."

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PART II

CHAPTER I

DISCOVERY OF THE OLD CORNER STONE

In 1921, some workmen who were making an excavation at Dr. Allen's Invalid Home, which is the site of Oglethorpe University, discovered the old corner stone deep down in the earth.

It was of solid granite, wide and thick, with a rectangular place cut out in it for the heavy tin box which contained relics and memorials of the day, March 31, 1837, when it was laid with Masonic honors.

The top of the corner stone was of equal size and thickness as the bottom and was fastened to it with long and large iron spikes. The top was broken and water seeping through the crevices, had caused the tin box to rust and then to leak, and the contents became much damaged thereby. Of course, great excitement prevailed at the opening of the box. It was found to contain: the *Southern Recorder*, March 28, 1837, edited by Grieve and Orme, the *Georgia Journal*, March 28, 1837, edited by William S. Rockwell, the *Federal Union*, March 28, 1837, edited by John A. Cuthbert, the *Standard of Union*, March 21, 1837, edited by P. L. Robinson, a piece of paper on which the ink used for writing, had faded so entirely, that not one word could be deciphered, a drawing on sheepskin of General Oglethorpe's picture, a silver quarter, and a silver half-dime.

The sheepskin had decayed, and the newspapers were damp and muddy, two of them being almost illegible.

One of the newspapers, the *Federal Union*, was presented to Dr. Thornwell Jacobs, President of Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia. Another, the *Southern Recorder*, was framed, so that both sides could be read, and was hung in the Sidney Lanier room in Thalian Hall.

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Dr. and Mrs. Allen took pleasure in possessing the corner stone, and when the new building for convalescent men was erected, it had its place in it until the Daughters of the American Revolution asked for it, for their Memorial on the site of the main building of the old University.

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THREE MEMORIALS

As has been stated, the site of Oglethorpe University is now known as Allen's Invalid home. Dr. H. D. Allen was the founder, and both he and his wife, who was Miss Sarah Cantey Whitaker, have given of themselves largely to their town and county and state.

Dr. Allen's death occurred March, 1930. On October 27, 1930, The Robert E. Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. R. B. Moore, President, after presenting a Lanier program, unveiled, on the door of the Sidney Lanier room in Thalian Hall, a tablet bearing the following inscription:

SIDNEY LANIER ROOM
tablet placed in memory of
DR. HENRY DAWSON ALLEN
October 27, 1930.

With a change of one word only, one could use in describing that occasion, Frank Branan's poem, *Lanier's Flute* (on Dedicated a Monument) :

*These hills that echoed to his lyric flute
And cheered its master while he lingered here
Stand now like silent sentinels and mute
What time we tell this tribute to Lanier.*

*Across the mountain steeps the sunset's glow
Illumines paths his eager feet once trod.
Ring out O Heaven's vespers! For I know
His flute still echoes in the hills of God.*



First Row, Rosalind Davis, Millie Stewart, Sarah Stewart; Second Row, Ben Stewart, Jr., Mary Owens Sallee, Crowell Stewart, Gladys Stewart, Donald Stewart, Bonny Hendrix, Anne Orme Sallee, Sibley Jennings; Third Row, Harry Stewart and Betty Stewart.

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On March 31, 1831, on the ninety-fourth anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of Oglethorpe University, the State Historian, Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution, presented a Memorial marking the site of Oglethorpe University, in honor of Mrs. H. D. Allen. The address of the day was made by Honorable Victor Davidson, Georgia State Historian, Sons of the American Revolution, and Dr. Edwin Allen accepted the marker for the family.

Just as rain poured at the laying of the corner stone on March 31, 1837, when Judge Joseph H. Lumpkin was to make the address, and the crowd had to ride two miles to the Presbyterian church in Milledgeville to hear it, so on this fateful day, exactly ninety-four years later, did the rain pour, and all the children with their flags and pretty costumes, every one of them a descendant of an old Oglethorpe University student, had to take refuge along with the crowd, in nearby Thalian Hall. When the time came for the children to unveil the Marker, the strings had to be drawn from the veranda, as no one could brave the elements to go nearer.

The picture was made when the first sunshine came after that momentous day.

The Memorial was designed by Mrs. Catherine Beeson Wright, who took for the basic idea of her drawing, the big old corner stone itself, with the long iron spikes which originally held on the top portion, still in place.

All the stones used in the Marker were foundation stones of the old University.

The bronze tablet covers the square niche in which the original tin box rested. A new copper box was made, and in it, before it was sealed, along with two of the original old muddy, unreadable newspapers of 1837, the *Standard of Union* and the *Georgia Journal*, were placed: the Milledgeville newspapers of the day, Mrs. S. A. Cook's History of Baldwin County, a list of D. A. R. members, and a program of the day. The programs contained the names of all the donors for the marker. With four exceptions

The Oglethorpe Rock Garden and Pool



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every one of them was a descendant of some one of those old-time Oglethorpe University students.

A portion of a charming letter is here published from one of the students himself, Mr. J. A. Weems of Union Springs, Alabama. Since that time, Mr. Weems' death occurred in 1934.

The letter was dated March 27, 1931, and was addressed to the author.

After a pleasant greeting, Mr. Weems said: "Now for a little ancient history. You say in your letter, that you are asking the relations of Oglethorpe students for a donation for the marker. I am not a relative (and yet I am, as two brothers were students of Oglethorpe), but one of the student body, because as a fifteen year old boy, I entered Oglethorpe in the fall of 1858, Freshman class. "At the same time Sid Lanier re-entered the college (having lapsed one year, graduating the next year with first honors.) He was my roommate until appointed tutor, too dignified to room with a Soph. He moved over to the hotel in Midway that fall—his brother Cliff took his place in the dormitory with me until the college closed in 1861.

"Early in 1861 when the war clouds were gathering, and the thunder of the guns at Fort Sumter was reverberating over the South, the older students (seniors mostly) began leaving to go to the front.

"The faculty, Dr. S. K. Talmadge, president; R. C. Smith, language; James Lane, mathematics; James Woodrow, chemistry, decided in lieu of commencement exercises, to only hold examinations, in order that the boys could rise in their classes (we expected to be back in three months, for the fall term—haven't got back yet).

"Professor Woodrow married my first cousin, Felixina Baker. He was uncle to President Wilson, the greatest President of the United States, bar none.

"Your letter takes me back to pleasant days at old Oglethorpe. I boarded with Mrs. Harper Tucker (meals only). Many of the boys boarded with Mrs. Tufts.

"I was initiated into the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Society, 1859,

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and am now the oldest member living of the fraternity. Sid and Cliff Lanier were also members and with the exception of us three, the whole chapter was wiped out during the war.

"When I started this letter I did not intend to inflict you with all this rigamarole, but old memories and my pencil (I can not use a pen) run away with me.

"In May, 1861, I enlisted in the Old Columbus Guards, which was Company G, Second Georgia Infantry, Col. Paul J. Semmes, commanding. "Went through the whole war from first battle of Manassas to Appomattox, and through the days of reconstruction (or rather destruction), was a Clansman. So you see I took in the whole show, and all of the side shows."

J. A. Neems

Another letter in which the author took great pride was from the Stated Clerk of the Augusta Presbytery. It follows:

Eatonton, Georgia,
May 7, 1931.

Mrs. J. L. Beeson,
Milledgeville, Georgia.
My dear Mrs. Beeson:

At the recent spring meeting of Augusta Presbytery, I was requested to forward to you the following resolution:

"The Presbytery of Augusta, has observed with great satisfaction the recent action of the Georgia D. A. R., in the erection of the beautiful and appropriate marker on the historic ground of the old Oglethorpe University. We therefore express our deep gratification, for this beautiful and timely service, to the Georgia D. A. R. in general, and to Mrs. J. L. Beeson, in particular, for her splendid efforts in securing this noble accomplishment."

James Thomas

Stated Clerk.

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Of the joy of that day only the memory remains, but the memory of it is like some faint fragrance that pervades the air.

In the report of the State Historian, Georgia D. A. R., for the year 1932, is the story concerning the Oglethorpe Memorial Garden which came as the aftermath of the Marker commemorating the site of the University. It reads: "The site of the marker with historic Thalian Hall still standing, was beautiful from the first, but Mrs. H. D. Allen conceived the idea of a Memorial garden as a background for the marker. She was aided in her plan by Mrs. Harry Stewart, of Macon, Georgia. It is she who has the honor of evolving from the small and great foundation stones of old Oglethorpe University which could not be used in the marker itself, a large rock garden with its waterfall, its pool, and its myriad plants and flowers. Mr. J. Yarbrough lent his skill to Mrs. Stewart's plans.

"The electric light cable was placed underground, plantings of large and beautiful shrubs were made, and one would think to see it, that some one there possessed Aladdin's lamp, and had given it a vigorous rub. So add to the Oglethorpe Marker, the Oglethorpe Memorial Garden, which honors not only Sidney Lanier, Georgia's greatest poet, but also seventy-two Presbyterian Ministers and three hundred and seventeen men who graduated here."



Sidney Lanier's Room in Thalian Hall

CHAPTER III

Two interesting old manuscript maps of Oglethorpe University grounds, and Midway, are in the possession of Mrs. H. D. Allen, Sr., the present owner of the university site.

The smaller one, is sixteen by twenty-five inches, and was made with especial reference to the Talmadge property, which totaled 46.1 acres, more or less. It bears, on the outside this inscription: "From a map of Midway, Baldwin County, Georgia, made by Mr. Fay upon surveys made by J. C. Whitaker and R. H. Ramsey."

"This outline of the Talmadge lands, is a copy from a copy of the above map made March, 1865, with special reference to the lands of Rev. Dr. S. K. Talmadge by C. W. Lane."

The statement is made also, that the four deeds to these lands, are duly recorded in Milledgeville, and the numbers of the books are given in which the records may be found; "B. P. Stubbs, being then the Clerk of Inferior Court, Baldwin County."

This map bears further information: "Deeds deposited by C. W. Lane, in the Burglar and Fire-Proof Safe of the National Bank of Athens, Georgia, box 41, where they now are.

C. W. LANE."

The map published in this volume is reduced in size, from a big map twenty-three by thirty-four inches, on the outside of which is written: "Campus—Survey of Midway, Georgia.

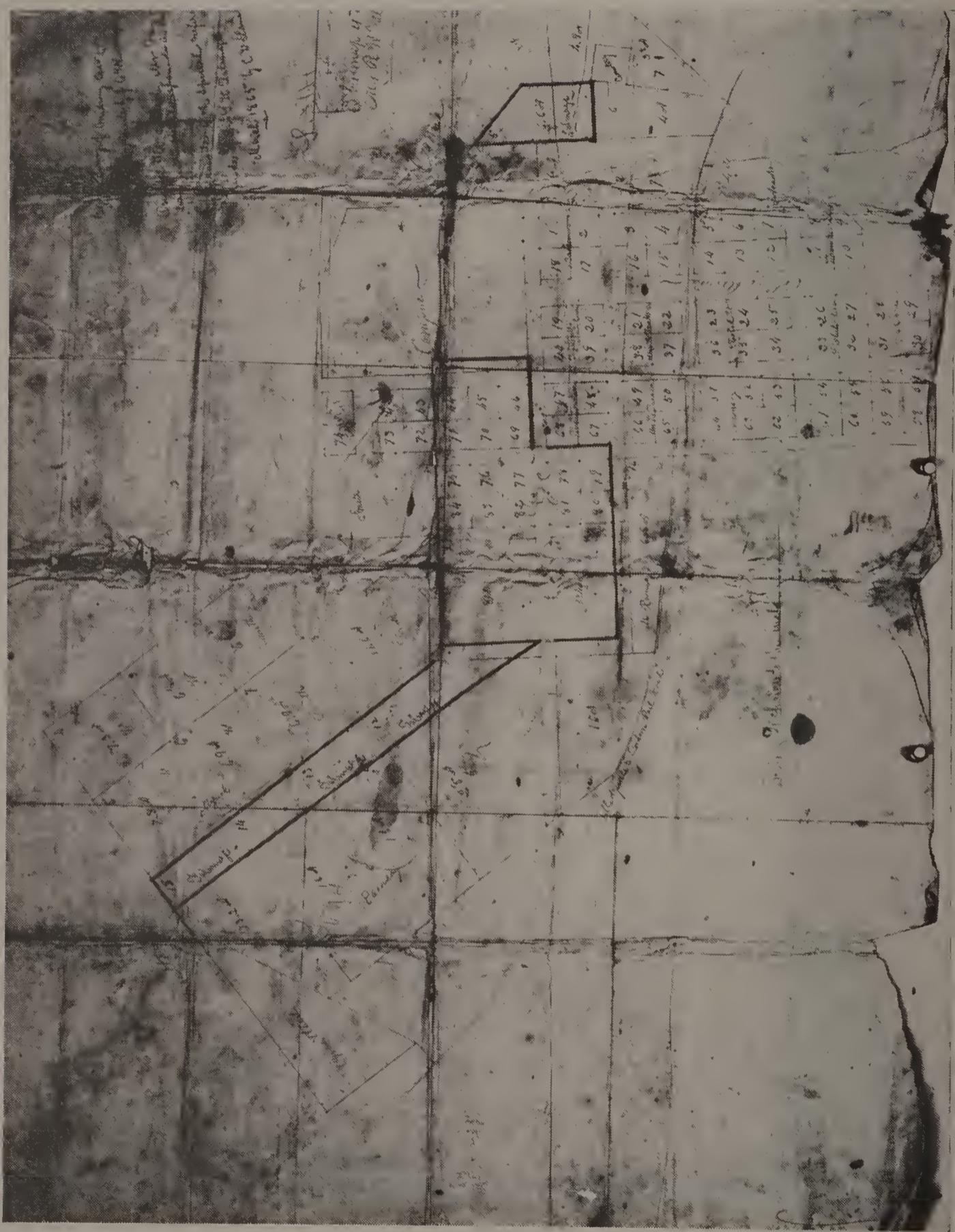
MRS. S. K. TALMADGE."

Inside, is this: "This map is the property of Mrs. R. W. Talmadge.

C. W. LANE."

Also written on the inside: "Copy of Midway, Georgia (in-part). Survey made by J. C. Whitaker and R. H. Ramsey.

Original plot made by Mr. Fay based upon said drawing and



Manuscript map of the campus of Oglethorpe University and part of the Midway Community.

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the plot and survey made in laying off the village, made with special reference to lands of Dr. S. K. Talmadge, March 1865, by C. W. Lane."

"Scale of 4 chains to the inch."

The lands of the following, are shown on the map:

Grantland, Ramsey, Talmadge, Smith, College Campus, Mrs. H. Tucker, Hotel, S. Whitaker, C. W. Lane, Orme, Hammond, Academy, Cemetery, Col'rd. The "Col'rd.," is the plat for the cemetery for the Negroes, which lies just beyond that for the whites.

CHAPTER IV

THE PHYSICAL DEATH OF OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY

Many, in describing the fate of the main building of Oglethorpe University, state that it was burned during the War Between the States, but such is not the fact. The war did cause reverses from which the University could not recover, because the greater part of its assets were in Confederate notes and bonds.

After the State Capital was moved to Atlanta, it was felt that the University could never be re-established at old Midway.

The buildings became dilapidated. A Milledgeville citizen remembers how they appeared when he was a boy. The windows of the main building had many panes missing, the doors stood wide open, and goats climbed even to the third story. The property was finally sold, and the granite steps of the main building are those that one now treads on entering the main building of the Milledgeville State Hospital. The bricks of the main University building were incorporated in the high walls around buildings of this same Institution.

We of Milledgeville, are accustomed to say of the Old Penitentiary Square, which became the site of what was at first, The Georgia Normal and Industrial College, that the very dust itself, experienced a resurrection.

We may say of the old University Building that it experienced a transmigration; that where it formerly ministered to the needs of student's minds, its physical properties now minister to minds and bodies that need to be upbuilt.

One has described the University's passing in these words: "Thus scattered to the four winds of heaven, this institution, the growing pride of the Presbyterian Church, finishes her career in disintegration and ruin, and now lies levelled in the dust, her altars broken down, her fires gone out, and not a single vestige left, only her sons to tell of her former greatness and shed bitter tears over her manifold miseries."

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ADDENDUM

After this book was in type, there was found in the Historical Museum of the Georgia State College for Women, at Milledgeville, Ga., a *Catalogue of the Thalian Society at Oglethorpe University*, which gives the names and addresses of the entire membership from 1839, the year of the Society's organization, through the year 1858. The Minutes of Part I, begin in the year 1859.

In the years 1857 and 1858, appear the names of Sidney Lanier and others, who figured largely in the Minutes.

The Catalogue is here published in its entirety, thus completing the roll of the Thalian Society, from its organization to its end. Through the years of its existence, the Thalian Society could boast of three hundred and eighty-five members.

*"Oh, the little more, and how much it is!
And the little less, and what worlds away!"*

CATALOGUE
OF THE
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OF
OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA
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FACULTY OF OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY

NEAR

MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA

REV. S. K. TALMADGE, D.D. ----- President
and Professor of Ancient Languages and Belles Letters.

REV. C. W. LANE, A.M.-----South Carolina
Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy.

REV. R. C. SMITH, A.M.-----Alabama
Professor of Moral and Mental Philosophy.

JAMES WOODROW, Ph.D.-----Georgia and Florida
*Professor of Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Geology
and Botany.*

W. L. BOGGS, A.M.-----Rector of Academy

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THE THALIAN LITERARY SOCIETY WAS FOUNDED JANUARY, 1839.

John Bilbo, Savannah, Ga.
 N. W. Battle, Monroe Co., Ga.
 James F. Bozeman, Columbus, Ga.
 T. G. Butler, Scottsboro, Ga.
 Philip Cook, Twiggs Co., Ga.
 W. W. B. Crawford, Lexington, Ga.
 E. T. Cullens, Scottsboro, Ga.
 J. R. Freeman, Lexington, Ga.
 W. L. Franks, Chatham Co., Ga.
 Nicholas C. Gatchet, Lumpkin, Ga.
 G. W. Hardwick, Columbia Co., Ga.
 T. E. Lloyd, Savannah, Ga.
 J. W. Owens, Savannah, Ga.
 John H. Rutherford, Houston Co., Ga.
 William J. Sasnett, Hancock Co., Ga.
 Charles A. Stillman, Charleston, S. C.
 William L. Warnham, Jones Co., Ga.
 A. S. Zache, Jones Co., Ga.

LIST OF REGULAR MEMBERS

John Bilbo, Savannah, Ga., (1st H.) L.	
N. W. Battle, Monroe Co., Ga.	
James F. Bozeman, Columbus, Ga., M.D.	
T. G. Butler, Scottsboro, Ga.	
Philip Cook, Twiggs Co., Ga.	
W. B. B. Crawford, Lexington, Ga.	
F. T. Cullens, Scottsboro, Ga.	
W. G. Davies*, Milledgeville, Ga.	
J. R. Freeman, Lexington, Ga.	
W. L. Franks, Chatham Co., Ga., (1st H.)	
Nicholas C. Gadget, Lumpkin, Ga.	
G. W. Hardwick*, Columbia Co., Ga., (1st H.)	
T. E. Lloyd, Savannah, Ga. L.	
J. W. Owens, Savannah, Ga., L.	
J. H. Rutherford, Houston Co., Ga.	
Wm. J. Sasnett, Hancock Co., Ga., Prof. at Ox.	
Charles A. Stillman, Charleston, S. C., M.	
Wm. L. Warnham, Jones Co., Ga.	
A. S. Zache, Jones Co., Ga.	
Total in 1839.....	19

*Dead 1st H. 1st Honor. L. Lawyer. M. Minister.

1840

J. C. Bowen, Savannah, Ga.	
James R. Coombs, Tarversville, Ga.	
S. J. Foster, Georgia.	
A. W. Fort, Midway, Ga.	
D. H. B. Troup, Darien, Ga.	
Total in 1840.....	5

1841

William Anderson, Montgomery, Ala.	
John S. Bond, Darien, Ga., M. D.	
Frank L. DeLauney, Milledgeville, Ga.	
J. C. Daniels, Georgia.	
Thomas J. Davis, Augusta, Ga.	
John B. Davies, Baldwin Co., Ga.	
William Ivey, Russell Co., Ala. (1st H.)	
W. H. Jones, Burke Co., Ga.	
W. B. Jones, Burke Co., Ga.	
J. N. King, Macon, Ga.	
T. H. King, Macon, Ga.	
Geo. S. Owens, Savannah, Ga., (1st H.) L.	
H. P. Smith, Jones Co., Ga.	
John R. Tucker*, Midway, Ga.	
Total in 1841.....	14

1842

Troup Butler, Scottsboro, Ga.	
J. H. Cartledge, Madison Co., Ga., (1st H.) M.	
John B. Habersham, Savannah, Ga., (2nd H.)	
E. T. Park*, Milledgeville, Ga.	
P. A. Philips, Columbus, Ga.	
Francis Sorrell, Jr., Savannah, Ga.	
Charles E. Tefft*, Savannah, Ga.	
Total in 1842.....	7

1843

Virgilius M. Barnes, Columbia, Co., Ga. (1st H.)	
Frederick Cullens, Scottsboro, Ga.	
A. W. Lewis*, Milledgeville, Ga.	
Malcolm McNeil, Milledgeville, Ga.	
Total in 1843.....	4

ADDENDUM

1844

Benjamin L. Beall, Lincoln Co., Ga.,
(1st H.)
Joel C. Barnett, Putnam Co., Ga.
Hines A. Goode, Montgomery, Ala.
L. L. Varnadoe, Liberty Co., Ga.
Thomas F. Wells, Sandersville, Ga.,
(1st H.)
Total in 1844..... 5

1845

J. T. Bivins, Jones Co., Ga.
S. W. Baker, Scottsboro, Ga.
Horace Carithers, Savannah, Ga.
F. Durham, Liberty Co., Ga.
J. P. Durham, Liberty Co., Ga.
E. H. Ezell, Georgia.
John Huson, Milledgeville, Ga.
Henry C. Hodges, Washington Co.,
Ga.
W. J. Howell, Mount Zion, Ga.
R. D. Hughes, Ireland.
Total in 1845..... 10

1846

Donald Fraser, Liberty Co., Ga., (2nd
H.) M.
A. S. Hartridge, Savannah, Ga., (1st
H.) L.
George W. Jordan, Sandersville, Ga.
B. G. Jordan, Sandersville, Ga.
B. G. Jordan, Pulaski Co., Ga.
A. P. Longstreet, Augusta, Ga.
J. A. McGruder, Burke Co., Ga.
Robert W. Milner, Wilkes Co., Ga.,
(2nd H.) M.
E. J. Paine, Savannah, Ga.
Henry J. Potter, Randolph Co., Ga.
Jos. M. Quarterman, Liberty Co.,
Ga., (1st H.) M.
S. Quarterman, Liberty Co., Ga.
Charles C. Rice, Milledgeville, Ga.
G. Stiles, Savannah, Ga.
S. Stiles, Savannah, Ga.
R. L. Storey, Milledgeville, Ga.
Henry Shellman, Montgomery, Ala.
Samuel B. Spencer, Liberty Co., Ga.,
L.
W. O. Shivers, Rock Mills, Ga.
G. A. Sneed, Georgia.
James W. Todd, Georgia.
N. P. J. Taylor, Savannah, Ga.
Thomas Triplett, Jefferson Co., Fla.
J. W. Wimberly, Tarversville, Ga.

*Dead 1st H. 1st Honor. L. Lawyer.

Clinton Wright, Monroe Co., Ark.,
1st H.)
E. A. Wimberly, Tarversville, Ga.
Wm. D. Whitehead, Dublin, Ga.
Thos. F. Williams, Montgomery,
Ala.
A. P. Williams, Milledgeville, Ga.
Total in 1846..... 29

1847

T. J. Anderson, Montgomery, Ala.
James S. Bivins*, Macon, Ga.
B. F. Carter*, Scottsboro, Ga.
Samuel Carter, Scottsboro, Ga.
A. W. Cassels, Savannah, Ga.
Horace Carpenter, Georgia.
G. R. Foster, Montgomery, Ala.,
(2nd H.)
R. E. McGunty, Warren Co., Ga.
James Stacy, Liberty Co., Ga., (1st
H.) M.
Wm. M. Tucker, Midway, Ga.
John R. Tucker, Washington, Co.,
Ga.
Samuel G. White, Milledgeville, Ga.,
M. D.
Total in 1847..... 12

1848

E. L. Anderson, Bibb Co., Ga.
George B. Beecher, Milledgeville, Ga.
Charles Hartridge, Scottsboro, Ga.
R. A. Houston, Oglethorpe, Ga., (1st
H.)
Thos. D. Harrison, Glynn Co., Ga.
Lewis H. Kenan, Milledgeville, Ga.,
L.
H. Clay King, Glynn Co., Ga., (2nd
H.)
B. B. McCraw, Abeufoil, Ala.
John McLeod, Alabama.
W. M. Prescott*, Washington, La.
T. Q. Tucker, Laurens Co., Ga.
Total in 1848..... 11

1849

James H. Bivins, Culloden, Ga.
Thomas W. Cobb, Eatonton, Ga.
S. A. Calhoun, Macon, Ga.
J. B. Goode, Montgomery, Ala.
J. A. Hill, Perry Co., Ga.
C. T. Pictou, New Orleans, La.
Lucius A. Simonton, Crawford Co.,
Ga., M.
M. Minister.

ADDENDUM

W. B. Scott, Vineville, Ga.
 John M. Tucker, Midway, Ga.
 J. L. Warren, Perry Co., Ga., M.
 John H. Walker, Putnam Co., Ga.
 Total in 1849.....11

1850

E. Ashley, Telfair Co., Ga.
 J. Ashley, Telfair Co., Ga.
 Tully Choice, Texas.
 John Cassels, Savannah, Ga.
 S. J. Cassels, Savannah, Ga.
 Charles J. Harris, Baldwin Co., Ga., L.
 L. P. McCutchen*, Griffin, Ga.
 J. W. Tillman*, Edgefield C. H., S. C.
 W. J. Way, Liberty Co., Ga.
 Total in 1850.....9

1851

Rufus Allen, Houston Co., Ga.
 George W. Allen, Houston Co., Ga.
 James W. Bones, Augusta, Ga., (1st H.)
 William K. Blake, Abbeville, D. S. C., L.
 J. E. Baker, Liberty Co., Ga.
 William H. Baker, Liberty Co., Ga.
 W. W. Cochran, Abbeville, D. S. C.
 B. L. Cochran, Abbeville, D. S. C.
 G. A. Cole, Macon, Ga.
 J. L. Cumming, Columbus, Ga.
 R. L. Gamble, Louisville, Ga.
 J. S. Gamble, Wilcox Co., Ala., (1st H.)
 Samuel Hunter, Monterey, S. C.
 R. A. Jones, Demopolis, Ala.
 M. D. Kennedy, Pickens Dis., S. C.
 T. L. Langston, Augusta, Ga.
 A. R. Liddell, Gwinnett Co., Ga., M.
 John J. Maxwell, Tallahassee, Fla.
 J. B. Newell, Milledgeville, Ga.
 Walter H. Paine, Milledgeville, Ga.
 Eugene M. Sanford, Milledgeville, Ga.
 Thomas L. Taylor, Hawkinsville, Ga.
 M. H. Whitaker, Midway, Ga.
 Peter G. Williams, Milledgeville, Ga.
 Levi Wilcoxon, Hancock Co., Ga., L.
 Total in 1851.....25

1852

Robert S. Bryan, Bellevue, Ga.

*Dead 1st H. 1st Honor. L. Lawyer. M. Minister.

William T. Bryan*, Bellevue, Ga.
 Thos. J. Davidson, Gainesville, Ala., M.
 I. L. Ellington, Washington, Ga.
 C. W. Edgeworth, Houston Co., Ga.
 William Hall, Talladega, Ala. (1st H.) M.
 R. T. Kennedy, Pleasant Hill, Ala.
 O. Parker, Clairborne, Ala.
 William A. Parker, Clairborne, Ala.
 Total in 1852.....9

1853

S. E. Axon, Savannah, Ga., M.
 D. C. Boggs, Pickens Dis., S. C., M.
 W. L. Boggs, Pickens Dis., S. C., (1st H.)
 S. R. Cunning, Columbus, Ga.
 T. Q. Cassells*, Liberty Co., Ga.
 Elbert Calhoun*, Macon, Ga.
 H. K. Daniels, Americus, Ga.
 W. T. M. Dickson, Lafayette, Ala., (1st H.)
 N. B. Drake, Oglethorpe Co., Ala.
 John Ferguson, Newberry Dis., S. C., (1st H.)
 A. F. Hill, Houston Co., Ga.
 W. J. Keith, Griffin, Ga.
 C. L. Minniece, Gainesville, Ala.
 A. T. Matthews*, Woodstock, Ga.
 E. J. Meadows, Chambers Co., Ala.
 A. W. Millican, Chattooga, Co., Ga.
 James M. Oliver, Montgomery, Ala.
 C. E. Powell, Murray Co., Ga.
 J. C. Patterson*, Gwinnett Co., Ga.
 T. E. Smith, Chattooga Co., Ga.
 James W. Stacey*, Liberty Co., Ga.
 M. M. Slaughter, Dadeville, Ala., Ed.
 W. S. Smith, Roswell, Ga.
 George S. Thomas, Columbus, Ga., L.
 John L. Underwood, Sumterville, Ala.
 Total in 1853.....25

1854

James H. Bryan, Bellevue, Ga.
 George A. Bivins, Bibb Co., Ga.
 George T. Bivins, Bibb Co., Ga.
 John G. Calhoun, Muscogee Co., Ga.
 D. Fulton, Sumterville, Ala.
 Benjamin T. Hunter, Monterey, S. C.
 John B. McDowell, Bellevue, Ga.
 John F. Stinson, Sulphur Springs, Ga.

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George A. Wiggins, Baldwin Co., Ga.
 Robert L. Wiggins, Baldwin Co., Ga.
 Total in 1854.....10

1855

Robert Q. Baker, Liberty Co., Ga., (2nd H.)
 Geo. A. Buchanan, Bellevue, Ga.
 R. H. W. Buchanan, Bellevue, Ga.
 James T. Bivins, Bibb Co., Ga.
 Charles T. Bayne, Baldwin Co., Ga.
 Samuel J. Cassels, Liberty Co., Ga.
 James S. Cozby, Liberty Co., Ga.
 Wm. H. Daniel, Woodstock, Ga.
 Wm. T. Daniel, Woodstock, Ga.
 Virling E. Iverson*, Columbus, Ga.
 John H. Kyle, Columbus, Ga.
 David Kendall, Upson Co., Ga.
 John G. Lane, Midway, Ga.
 Geo. W. Ladson, Roswell, Ga.
 Henry E. Martin, Liberty Co., Ga.
 Wm. McPherson, Walton Co., Fla., L.
 J. J. Parker, Monroeville, Ala.
 Wm. G. Robson, Sandersville, Ga.
 Wiley W. Smith, LaGrange, Ga.
 Eugene G. Stewart, Columbus, Ga.
 James A. Shingler, Columbus, Ga.
 J. F. M. Tarver, Russell Co., Ga.
 John Webb, Savannah, Ga.
 H. Jemison Winn, Monroe Co., Ga.
 Total in 1855.....24

1856

C. Augustus Baker, Liberty Co., Ga.
 Wm. H. Burroughs, Savannah, Ga.
 John C. Daniels, Americus, Ga.
 Robt. W. Flournoy, Sandersville, Ga.
 Edwin K. Fulton, Sumterville, Ala.
 John M. Goetchius, Columbus, Ga.
 George F. Johnson, Columbus, Ga.
 Frank S. Johnson, Clinton, Ga.
 A. Porteus Miller, Charleston, S. C.
 R. H. Marks, White S. Springs, Ga.
 John W. Nisbet, Macon, Ga.
 J. Cooper Nisbet, Macon, Ga.
 A. B. Parrott, Hancock Co., Ga.
 William Pelham, Alexandria, Ala.
 Total in 1856.....14

1857

Donald J. Auld, Madison C. H., Fla.
 S. Dowse Bradwell, Liberty Co., Ga.

*Dead 1st H. 1st Honor. L. Lawyer.

E. A. Banks, Columbus, Ga.
 L. M. Cassels, Liberty Co., Ga.
 J. V. H. Ditmars, Pensacola, Fla.
 Joseph E. Fulton, Chatham Co., Ga.
 J. L. Greer, Chambers Co., Ala.
 John Hardeman, Clinton, Ga.
 Thomas Hardeman, Clinton, Ga.
 Joseph H. King, Roswell, Ga.
 Samuel L. Knox, Talladega, Co., Ga.
 J. W. Kendrick, Chunnenugge, Ala.
 James W. Law, Abbeville, Dis., S. C.
 Sidney C. Lanier, Macon, Ga.
 John Hill Lamar, Macon, Ga.
 Stinson H. Little, Putnam Co., Ga.
 Algernon F. Little, Putnam Co., Ga.
 Holcomb G. Moore, Greene Co., Ga.
 W. J. Martin, Liberty Co., Ga.
 James S. McBride, Sumter Dis., S. C.
 E. A. Presley, Chambers Co., Ala.
 N. P. Quarterman, Liberty Co., Ga.
 S. J. Quarterman, Liberty Co., Ga.
 John Redd, Columbus, Ga.
 William Redd, Columbus, Ga.
 Oscar Stewart, St. Mary's, Ga.
 Wm. W. Spencer, Liberty Co., Ga.
 J. Q. Spencer, Liberty Co., Ga.
 W. R. Slaughter, Dadeville, Ala.
 Total in 1857.....29

1858

Edwin P. Cater, Charleston, S. C.
 Thomas P. Hall, Talladega, Ala.
 Wm. L. LeConte, Macon, Ga.
 J. H. Martin, Bainbridge, Ga.
 O. Varnadoe, Liberty Co., Ga.
 Total in 1858.....5

PRESENT MEMBERS

C. A. Baker, Liberty Co., Ga.
 E. A. Banks, Columbus, Ga.
 S. D. Bradwell, Liberty Co., Ga.
 L. M. Cassels, Liberty Co., Ga.
 E. P. Cater, Charleston, S. C.
 J. V. H. Ditmars, Pensacola, Fla.
 R. W. Flournoy, Sandersville, Ga.
 E. K. Fulton, Sumterville, Ala.
 J. E. Fulton, Chatham Co., Ga.
 J. M. Goetchius, Columbus, Ga.
 J. L. Greer, Chambers Co., Ala.
 T. P. Hall, Talladega, Ala.
 J. Hardeman, Clinton, Ga.
 T. Hardeman, Clinton, Ga.
 F. S. Johnson, Clinton, Ga.
 G. F. Johnson, Columbus, Ga.

M. Minister.

ADDENDUM

J. W. Kendrick, Chunnenugee, Ala.
 Joseph H. King, Roswell, Ga.
 S. L. Knox, Talladega Co., Ala.
 W. L. LeConte, Macon, Ga.
 G. W. Ladson, Roswell, Ga.
 John G. Lane, Midway, Ga.
 S. C. Lanier, Macon, Ga.
 A. S. Little, Putnam Co., Ga.
 S. H. Little, Putnam Co., Ga.
 J. H. Martin, Bainbridge, Ga.
 W. J. Martin, Liberty Co., Ga.
 J. S. McBride, Sumter District, S. C.
 A. P. Miller, Charleston, S. C.
 William Pelham, Alexandria, Ala.
 E. A. Pressly, Chambers, Co., Ala.
 N. P. Quarterman, Liberty Co., Ga.
 S. J. Quarterman, Liberty Co., Ga.
 John Redd, Columbus, Ga.
 William Redd, Columbus, Ga.
 J. A. Shingler, Columbus, Ga.
 W. R. Slaughter, Dadeville, Ala.
 J. Q. Spencer, Liberty Co., Ga.
 W. W. Spencer, Liberty Co., Ga.
 Oscar Stewart, St. Mary's Ga.
 J. F. Stinson, Sulphur Springs, Ga.
 J. F. M. Tarver, Russell Co., Ala.
 O. Varnadoe, Liberty Co., Ga.
 H. J. Winn, Monroe Co., Ga.
 Total..... 44

RECAPITULATION

Number who joined in—	
1839	19
1840	5
1841	14
1842	7
1843	4
1844	5
1845	10
1846	29
1847	12
1848	11
1849	11
1850	9
1851	25
1852	9
1853	25
1854	10
1855	24
1856	14
1857	29
1858	5
Total.....	277
Present Members	44

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